

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A digital video disc device, comprising:
a rewritable flash memory including program information and an area of prescribed size in which key data associated with information on a digital video disc is recorded in advance in at least one prescribed address in an unused specific area of the area of prescribed size; and
means for accessing the information on ~~[[said]]~~ the digital video disc using ~~[[said]]~~ the key data read from ~~[[said]]~~ the at least one prescribed address in ~~[[said]]~~ the flash memory; wherein
~~the at least one prescribed address is stored in at least one location in said unused specific area;~~
~~the at least one location is specific and unmoved after each access by said means for accessing;~~
random data is written in all of the unused area around an area where ~~[[said]]~~ the key data is recorded in ~~[[said]]~~ the specific area of ~~[[said]]~~ the flash memory, ~~and~~
the key data is configured to be modified by a key data writing equipment, ~~and~~
the rewritable flash memory is attached to the digital video disc device in a detachable manner.
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~equipment for a~~ digital video disc device according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the key data is an encryption key for equipment for encrypting and recording the information on ~~[[said]]~~ the digital video disc.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~equipment for a~~ digital video disc device according to claim 2, wherein ~~[[said]]~~ the key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from ~~[[said]]~~ the digital video disc.

4. (Currently Amended) The ~~equipment for a~~ digital video disc device according to claim 1, wherein ~~[[said]] the~~ key data is a decryption key for equipment for decrypting the information read from ~~[[said]] the~~ digital video disc.
5. (Currently Amended) A method of recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory ~~of prescribed size~~, comprising the steps of:
- writing ~~[[said]] the~~ prescribed information in at least one prescribed address ~~in at least one location~~ in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of ~~[[said]] the~~ flash memory ~~wherein the at least one location is specific and unmoved after access of the prescribed information~~; and
 - writing random data in all of the unused area in ~~[[said]] the unused~~ specific area, around an area where ~~[[said]] the~~ prescribed information is written in ~~[[said]] the~~ step of writing, wherein
 - the writing is performed by a key data writing equipment,
 - the rewritable flash memory includes program information,
 - the prescribed information is written in an area of the rewritable flash memory not containing program information, and
 - the rewritable flash memory is attached to a digital video device in a detachable manner.
6. (Currently Amended) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein
- ~~[[said]] the~~ memory is mounted on equipment for a digital video disc, and
 - ~~[[said]] the~~ prescribed information is key data associated with information on a digital video disc.
7. (Currently Amended) The method of recording prescribed information according to claim 5, wherein ~~[[said]] the~~ prescribed information is a password.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for recording in advance prescribed information to be protected against unauthorized access in a rewritable flash memory ~~of prescribed size~~, comprising:
- means for writing ~~[[said]]~~ the prescribed information in at least one prescribed address ~~in at least one location~~ in an unused specific area having a prescribed size comparable to one access unit of ~~[[said]]~~ the flash memory ~~wherein the at least one location is specific and unmoved after access of the prescribed information~~; and
- means for writing random data in all of the unused area in ~~[[said]]~~ the specific area, around an area where ~~[[said]]~~ the prescribed information is written in ~~[[said]]~~ the step of writing, wherein
- the writing is configured to be performed by a key data writing equipment,
- the rewritable flash memory includes program information,
- the prescribed information is written in an area of the rewritable flash memory not containing program information, and
- the rewritable flash memory is attached to a digital video device in a detachable manner.